

**Idaho Fish and Game Commission
Special Meeting
October 1, 2008
Fish and Game Headquarters
Boise, Idaho**

Present in the Director's Office: Director Groen, Deputy Director, Virgil Moore; Dallas Burkhalter, Deputy Attorney General; Kathleen Trever, Deputy Attorney General; Sharon Kiefer, Assistant Director; Jim Unsworth, Deputy Director; Ed Schriever, Fish Chief; Ed Mitchell, Conservation Public Information Supervisor; Sam Sharr, Anadromous Fisheries Coordinator; Bonnie Butler, Governor's Office; Mary Boyer, Executive Assistant; and Roger Phillips, *The Idaho Statesman*.

Participating in the Clearwater Region: Dave Cadwallader, Regional Supervisor; Commissioner Fred Trevey; Joe Dupont, Regional Fish Manager; Mark Hill, Conservation Officer; and Eric Barker, *Lewiston Tribune*.

A special meeting of the Idaho Fish and Game Commission was held by telephone conference. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wheeler with Commissioners Barowsky, Trevey, Mc Dermott, Power and Budge participating.

RULES

2008 Fall Chinook Fishery Proposal for Rulemaking

Sam Sharr, Anadromous Fisheries Coordinator, stated that the purpose of the call is to present a proposal for rule making that would permit anglers to retain fall Chinook salmon in the Snake River during a portion of the 2008 Fall steelhead fishery. Mr. Sharr referenced information items and proposal sent to the Commission (Appendix 41, Exhibit 81). Mr. Sharr provided a brief review of the run update and background material for the proposal. He noted that the forecast for adult fall Chinook is the highest on record and the forecast for summer steelhead is one of the better on record.

Mr. Sharr noted that NOAA Fisheries has concurred that retention of adipose fin clipped hatchery fall Chinook is not an ESA taking issue under the current hatchery listing policy and perceives no ESA related risks associated with the 2008 fall Chinook fishery as proposed by IDFG.

2008 FALL CHINOOK FISHERY PROPOSAL FOR RULEMAKING

FISHING RULES

No Change from *Idaho 2008 Spring Chinook Salmon Seasons and Rules* unless specifically noted in the 2008 Fall Chinook Proposal.

LICENSES AND PERMITS

Anglers must have a valid fishing license and a salmon permit in possession to retain a fall Chinook salmon.

SEASONS

Upper Snake River

OPENING DATES:

October 3

Mainstem Snake River (see **new** boundary definitions)

DAYS OF FISHING: Seven days per week effective on the opening date until further notice or the closure date, whichever comes first.

FISHING HOURS: fishing for fall Chinook salmon is permitted 24 hours per day.

CLOSING DATE: Closure upon further notice or October 31, whichever comes first.

LIMITS FOR FALL CHINOOK

Daily: 1 fall Chinook salmon, jack or adult

Possession: 3 fall Chinook salmon (jacks and adults combined)

Season: Jack and adult fall Chinook are included with spring and summer Chinook in season limit of 40.

Adult Chinook Salmon (24 inches or greater in total length)

Jack Chinook Salmon (less than 24 inches in total length)

BOUNDARIES: Note that some section boundaries have been added for the fall Chinook season.

Upper Snake River:

- Southway Bridge upstream to the mouth of the Salmon River.
- From the mouth of the Salmon River upstream to the mouth of Granite Creek.
- Mouth of Granite Creek upstream to Hells Canyon Dam

METHODS OF TAKE: Same as 2008 Idaho Spring Chinook Salmon Seasons and Rules

08-75 Commissioner Trevey moved and Commissioner Barowsky seconded a motion TO ADOPT THE 2008 FALL CHINOOK FISHERY PROPOSAL AS DESCRIBED BY STAFF WITH CORRECTIONS ON BOUNDARIES AND THE ADDITION ON THE 24 HOURS IN THE RULE. The motion carried in a unanimous vote.

08-76 Commissioner Barowsky moved and Commissioner Trevey seconded a motion TO HOLD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION PURSUANT TO IDAHO CODE 67-2345 1 (F) LEGAL. The motion carried in a unanimous vote.

08-77 Commissioner Budge moved and Commissioner McDermott seconded a motion TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION. The motion carried in a unanimous vote.

The session ended at 9:00 a.m. with no official action taken.

MISCELLANEOUS

Adjournment

The Commission meeting adjourned at 9:01 a.m.

Cameron Wheeler
Chairman

Cal Groen
Secretary